

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: California

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Enforcement of Compliance for Nursing Facilities

Temporary Management: Describe the criteria (as required at §1919(h)(2)(A)) for applying the remedy.

☒ Specified Remedy

(Will use the criteria and notice requirements specified in the regulation.)

☐ Alternative Remedy

(Describe the criteria and demonstrate that the alternative remedy is as effective in deterring non-compliance. Notice requirements are as specified in the regulations.)

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In January of 1990, Medicaid Program Memorandum 90-2 was issued. This memorandum includes a State Plan Amendment provision for an incentive program (attached). Subsequently, State Operations Manual (SOM) Transmittal 248, dated February 1992, was also issued. This transmittal clarifies how states may apply incentive programs for high quality care in NFs (attached). The state option to establish an incentive program is in Section 1919(h)(2)(F) of the Social Security Act (attached).

Incentive programs may be in the form of a public recognition award to NFs. This appears consistent with the Best Practices Program established by Licensing and Certification. SOM 248 states that the expenses incurred in carrying out such a program are considered expenses necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the State Plan under Medicaid, and references Section 1903(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (attached).

California's Best Practices Program is designed to identify exemplary practices in long-term care facilities and to publicly acknowledge the facilities who have developed and implemented these practices. Inherent in this program is the dissemination of the models to other facilities. The program will include a presentation conference(s) for care providers, and the publication of a manual which will compile the selected "Best Practices".

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A "Best Practice" can be drawn from any care area of the resident's life. Loosely described, it is any intervention a facility has developed which improves the residents' lives or living conditions. The practice may relate to a variety of issues including residents' rights, provision of care, or administrative practices which result in improved care.

The program has an annual cycle with a focus on a selected topic. Focusing on a specific topic each year will result in development of a manual which will be a resource to caregivers to review and consider numerous options of care models.

The critical program steps include selection of the "Best practices" models, acknowledgement of the facilities who have developed the practices, dissemination of information and assisting other providers in replicating the care models.

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